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## Hungry dorm residents face Sunday night dilemma

Jena Dean  
staff writer

With the start of the new school year and transition from home life to dorm life, a common question has arisen for students: why don't the dining centers at K-State serve dinner on Sunday nights?

Other major universities in the region, such as the University of Kansas, the University of Nebraska and the University of Oklahoma, all supply Sunday dinner to students who have a meal plan in place. Out of these surrounding schools, K-State is the only school that does not.

Mary Molt, assistant director of the dining department and assistant professor of hospitality management and dietetics, said the dining centers don't offer dinner on Sundays for two reasons.

"It's traditional that students will go out and eat when they get the chance," Molt explained. "We also do not serve dinner on Sundays in order to keep costs down."

Molt explained that a typical day at the dining centers, like Kramer or Derby, consists

of two shifts: one that covers breakfast and lunch services and one that covers dinner services. With dinner being unavailable to students on Sunday nights, the dining centers only have to rely on one staff that day.

Although costs are cut using this method, some students said they still want the option of dining center dinners.

"It's expensive to go out and eat every Sunday, especially as a student who can't afford it," said Kaitlyn Schmidt, freshman in speech pathology.

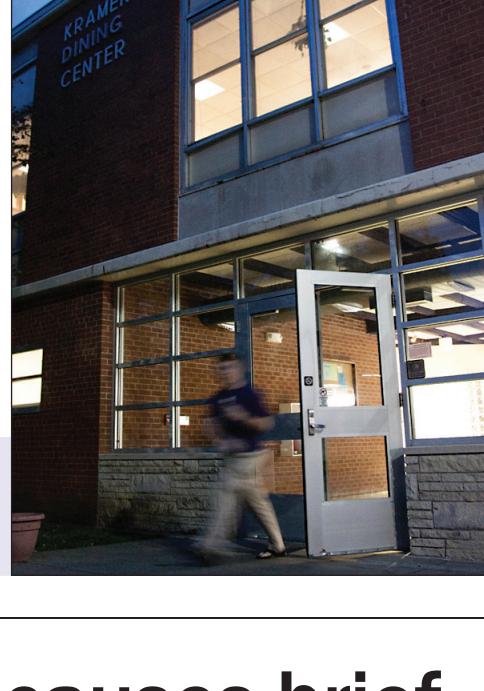
Schmidt is employed by dining services and works in the Kramer Complex. She described her own solution.

"I think we should have one dining hall open Sunday night, like Derby, so everyone can eat," Schmidt said.

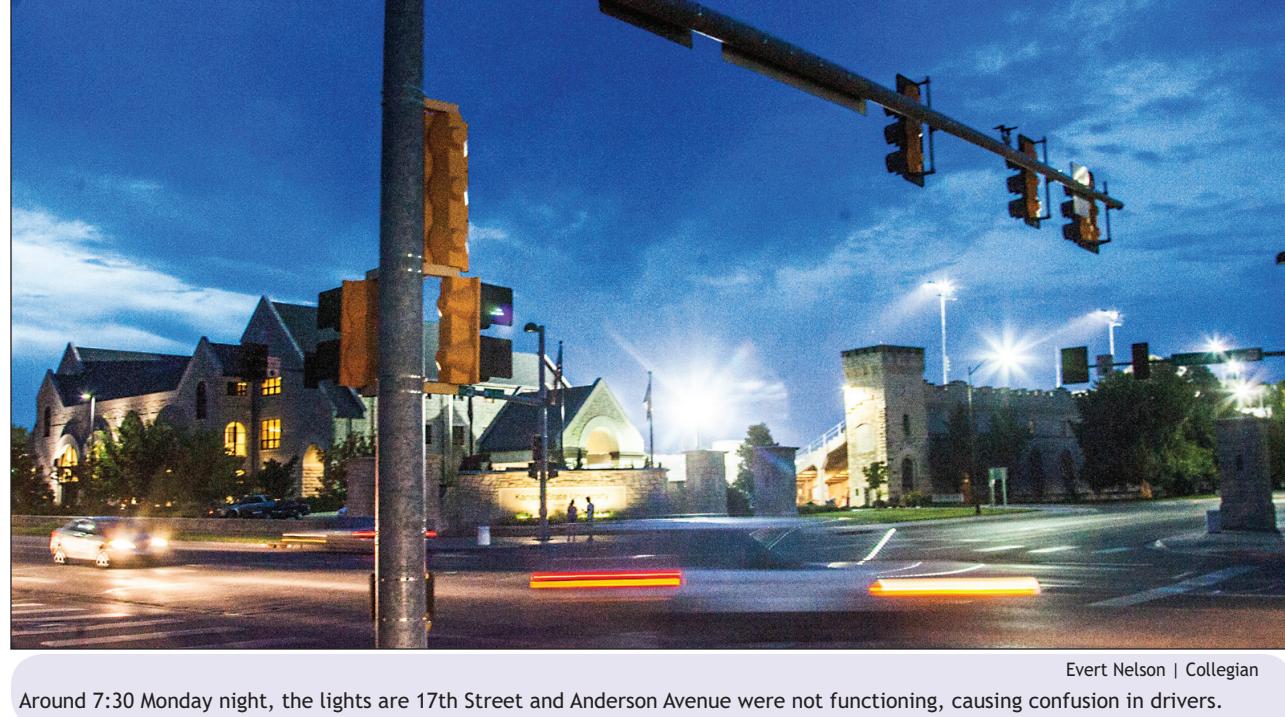
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Dalton Neal, freshman in engineering, walks out of Kramer Dining Center on Monday night. To cut costs, K-State dining halls do not serve dinner on Sundays.



## Transformer explosion causes brief power outage to parts of downtown



Around 7:30 Monday night, the lights are 17th Street and Anderson Avenue were not functioning, causing confusion in drivers.

Karen Ingram  
edge editor

Observers driving down Fort Riley Boulevard may have noticed a brilliant flash of light followed by a sudden darkness at approximately 7:43 last night. A power transformer at a substation located at the corner of Fort Riley Boulevard and Manhattan Avenue exploded, engulfing the street in darkness from 16th Street all the way down to Third Street.

Bewildered drivers slowed down or paused at intersections where the traffic lights no longer functioned. Within minutes of the blackout, the Riley County Police Department was on the scene at the intersection while several Westar Energy trucks arrived with workers to restore power.

Gini Meyers, clerk at the Shop Quik located at 430 Fort Riley Blvd., was forced to close the store when the power went out for reasons of safety.

"It just kind of clicked and it all went down," Meyers said. "It's a little scary because I don't like the dark."

RCPD contacted radio station KMAM-AM 1350 to inform the public of the situation. Derek Gant, news reporter for KMAM, said most homes in the downtown area were not affected by the blackout.

Many downtown businesses and areas

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## Annual blood drive includes new student organization



It's Blood Drive time again at K-State. The Fall Blood Drive, sponsored by the Red Cross runs Tues-

Jenna Sauber  
staff writer

It's time once again to roll up your sleeves and save lives at K-State's fall blood drive Sept. 25-28.

For the first time, K-State students will be volunteering for the blood drive through the new campus organization, the Ameri-

can Red Cross Club. The organization, which was started this fall, focuses on trying to promote the various aspects that are important to the American Red Cross, including blood donations.

"Right now, we are focusing on the blood drive. Since it's our first semester, we are doing lots of trial and error," said Justin

Theleman, senior in biology and president of the club.

Later in the year the organization hopes to provide an instructional program on CPR and first aid for grade school students.

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### K-STATE FALL 2012 BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, Sept. 25

- 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the second floor of the K-State Student Union
- 2:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Putnam Hall

Wednesday, Sept. 26

- 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Union
- 2:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Putnam Hall

Thursday, Sept. 27

- 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Union
- 2:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Putnam Hall

Friday, Sept. 28

- 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Union

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged.

Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

Everyone who donates will receive a free T-shirt and the opportunity to enter a drawing to watch the football team during one practice.

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## Comedian Seth Meyers to perform Saturday night

UPC brings SNL mastermind to Bramlage Coliseum

Mike Stanton  
assistant news editor

K-State's Union Program Council will present "An Evening With Seth Meyers" this Saturday at Bramlage Coliseum at 8 p.m. Meyers is the head writer of NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and host of the show's popular news parody, the "Weekend Update."

"We are hoping for a sellout," said Laura Oxler, junior in journalism and mass communications and entertainment co-chair for UPC.

Tickets are available online at the K-State Online Ticket Office, which can be accessed via a link on K-State's homepage, or at the Bramlage ticket office by calling 800-221-CATS. For K-State students, tickets start at \$10 and climb to \$25 for floor seats. Tickets for the public run from \$25 to \$35, with a discounted price for military.

According to Oxler, Meyers' performance was booked shortly after comedian Andy Samberg canceled his scheduled appearance after signing a movie deal.

"We kind of regrouped and thought about acts we wanted to bring," Oxler said. "We've had success in the past with Saturday Night Live people such as Will Ferrell and Tracy Morgan, so we were happy to get [Meyers]."

Oxler said this Saturday is the only one this fall when Meyers will not be occupied with Saturday Night Live. She also noted that Meyers usually has to turn down invitations to universities due to his own tour schedule.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Oxler said. "[Meyers] is a huge act that costs much more [at other venues], so we're really excited about it."

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## Two minute drill

**Mark Kern**  
sports editor

### Volleyball

Kerri Walsh Jennings announced on Tuesday that she was five weeks pregnant at the 2012 Summer Olympics while she and Misty May-Treanor won their third consecutive Olympic gold medal. Jennings and her husband announced on the Today Show that the due date is set for April 9, 2013. While her teammate has announced that she will not compete in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games, Jennings has left the opportunity open.

### NFL

After a stunning 23-20 overtime victory against the Miami Dolphins on Sunday, the New York Jets received some bad news. All-Pro cornerback Darrelle Revis will miss the rest of the season after tearing his ACL. Revis, 28, is widely considered by NFL players and experts to be one of the top corners in the league.

The Jets will be forced to move Antonio Cromartie to the No. 1 corner, and Kyle Wilson will move from the nickel to be the No. 2 corner.

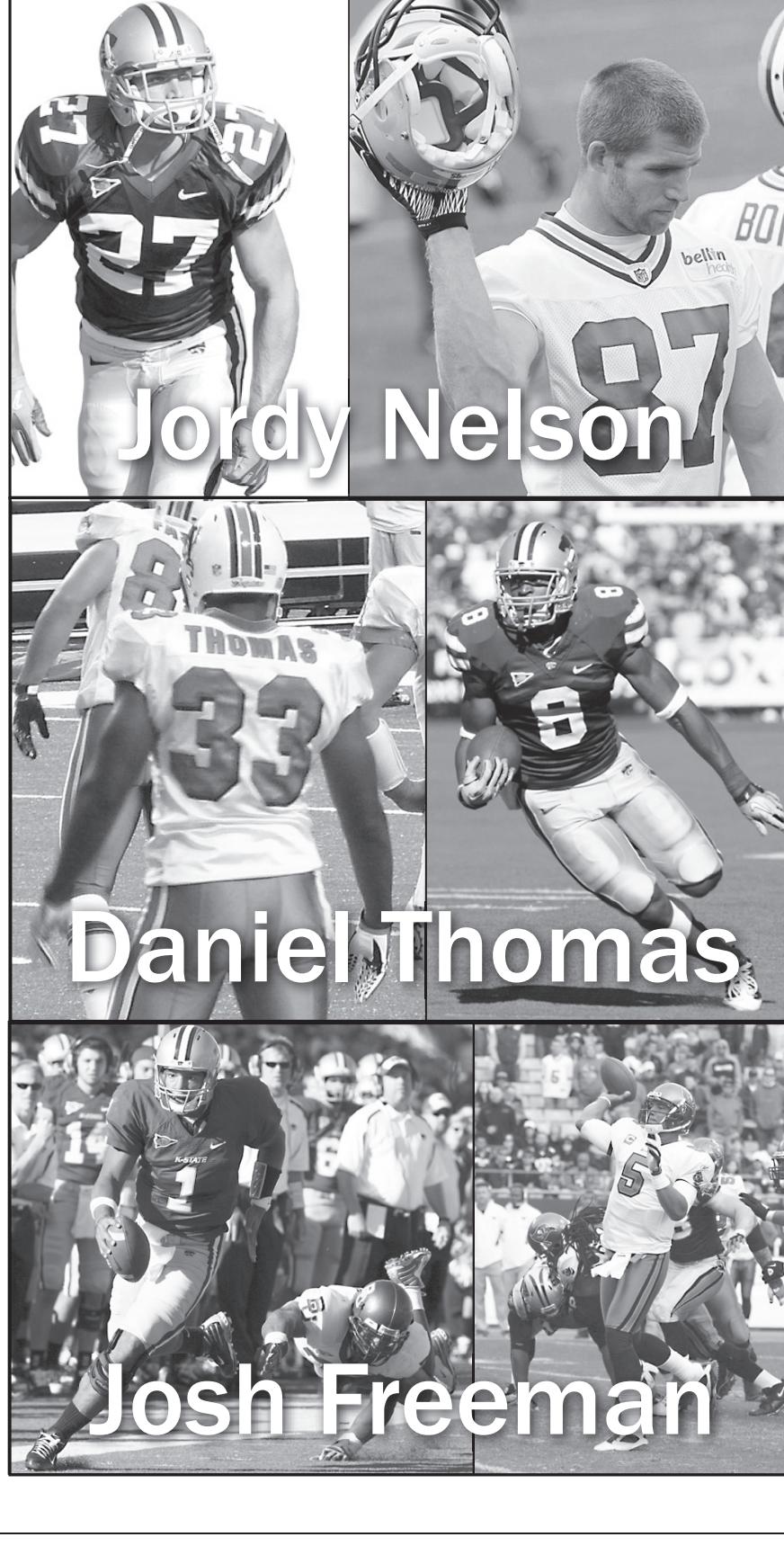
### MLB

The St. Louis Cardinals continued their run to defending their championship by defeating the Chicago Cubs 6-3 for their sixth win in their last seven matches on Sunday. The Cardinals hold a 2.5 game lead for the second playoff spot in the wild-card race over their division rival, the Milwaukee Brewers. The two teams do not play again the rest of this season.

### NCAAAB

After missing out again on the school's first NCAA tournament berth, the Northwestern Wildcats team has suffered a major blow. Junior guard JerShon Cobb has been suspended for the entire season for breaking unspecified team rules. Northwestern announced last Friday. Cobb has averaged 7.3 points per game in his career. He is still enrolled in school and will have two years of eligibility left.

## Wildcats in the NFL: rising professionals



**Nick Davis**  
position

With the great start the Wildcats are off to this year, we should take a look at some of the past Wildcat greats that are still playing in the league.

Bryce Brown continued the streak of Wildcats getting drafted as he was selected in the 7th round of the 2012 NFL draft; Wildcats have been drafted to the NFL for 19 consecutive seasons. Here is a look at the Wildcats.

**Jordy Nelson**, #87 WR, Green Bay Packers – Nelson is quickly emerging as one of Aaron Rodgers' favorite targets in Green Bay. Some might argue that he, not Rodgers, should have been Super Bowl XVL MVP as he caught nine passes for 140 yards. At the time, these were both career highs. Nelson will be relied upon as the Packers try to get back to the Super Bowl.

**Darren Sproles**, #43, RB/KR/PR, New Orleans Saints – Sproles is coming off an NFL record-setting season. In his first year with the team last season, he set the NFL record for most single-season all-purpose yardage with 2,696 yards. Not too bad for a player who was said to be "too small" when he was picked by the Chargers in the 4th round of the 2005 draft. Sproles is a dangerous weapon in New Orleans not only on offense, but special teams as well.

**Josh Freeman**, #5, QB, Tampa Bay Buccaneers – Freeman had a breakout season for the Bucs in 2010; he threw for 3,451 yards and 25 touchdowns, while only throwing six interceptions. Last season he had the "sophomore slump." With the Bucs signing longtime Charger wide receiver Vincent Jackson, expect Freeman to shine.

**Daniel Thomas**, RB, #33, Miami Dolphins – Thomas had a chance to fill the void of Ronnie Brown last year, but the signing of Reggie Bush put that on the backburner. Thomas' number of carries has been limited with the signing of Bush but may get more carries as Bush may be sidelined with a new injury.

**Jeron Mastrud**, TE, #88, Miami Dolphins – Mastrud was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Bucs in 2010, but was cut before the regular season. He made the final roster for the Dolphins that same year, where he is listed as a backup tight end.

**Brandon Banks**, #16, WR/KR/PR, Washington Redskins – Banks is used primarily as the Redskins' return specialist. He will line up as the slot wide-out occasionally, typically as a diversion or even carrying the ball on a reverse. Just like Sproles, Banks is undersized, but has blazing speed. He is currently the lightest player in the NFL at 149 pounds.

**Rob Jackson**, LB, #50, Washington Redskins – Rob was drafted in the 2008 NFL draft in the seventh round by the Redskins as a defensive end. They have since moved him to an outside linebacker, where he backs up injured Brian Orakpo. Jackson made headlines Sunday, becoming the fifth player

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**Jordy Nelson**, who began as a walk-on in 2003, was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 2008. In the 2010 season he won Super Bowl XVL, where he had nine catches for 140 yards and a touchdown.

**Daniel Thomas**, K-State running back from 2008-2010, was drafted by the Miami Dolphins in April of 2011. He now splits time in the backfield with Reggie Bush.

**Josh Freeman**, K-State quarterback from 2006-2008, is now the starting quarterback for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

## Torre Smith gives performance of career while grieving brother



courtesy photo | Collegian

Baltimore Ravens wide receiver Torrey Smith (front), who had 127 yards receiving and two touchdowns in a win against the Patriots on Sunday night, received word of his 19-year-old brother's death less than 24 hours before kickoff.

**Nick Davis**  
staff writer

Torre Smith, wide receiver for the Baltimore Ravens, faced a nightmare scenario very early on Sunday morning when he picked up a 1 a.m. phone call in his hotel room with the news that his little brother was gone. This overwhelming news came less than 24 hours before a nationally televised prime-time Sunday night game against a division rival.

Smith, 23, is an older brother and, at times, a father figure to his younger brother Tevin Jones along with five other siblings. Jones, 19, lost control of his motorcycle late Saturday night and ran off the right side of the road in Westmoreland County, Va., where he struck a utility pole. Jones, who was

wearing a helmet, was pronounced dead at the scene. Jones would have turned 20 on Oct. 6.

Smith tweeted on Sunday morning after hearing of his brother's passing. "I can't believe my little brother is gone. Be thankful for your loved ones and tell them you love them. This is the hardest thing ever."

Smith left the hotel to spend the day with his family. Baltimore head coach John Harbaugh had received a wake-up call himself on Sunday around 5 a.m., the day of his 50th birthday, informing him of the tragic situation at hand. Harbaugh later told Smith, "We support you in whatever you want to do."

After Smith returned to Baltimore around 4:30 p.m., he came to a decision: he would play to honor the life of

his brother. Smith made this decision after texting his mother, who told him that playing is what Jones would have wanted.

**"I can't believe my little brother is gone. Be thankful for your loved ones and tell them you love them. This is the hardest thing ever."**

Torre Smith  
Baltimore Ravens wide receiver  
via Twitter

Before kickoff there was a moment of silence in memory of Jones at M&T

Bank Stadium in Baltimore.

With obvious emotion, Smith played one of the best NFL games of his career in the Ravens' 31-30 victory over the New England Patriots. He caught six passes for 127 yards and two touchdowns. After scoring the first of two touchdowns, Smith knelt in the end zone, said a short prayer, and pointed to the sky.

After the game, coach Harbaugh presented the game ball to Smith. As Smith worked his way into the middle of the locker room, he broke down crying, and while accepting the game ball, he emotionally stated how much his teammates mean to him and how he couldn't have done it without his second family, the Baltimore Ravens.

Smith plans on putting the game ball in his brother's casket at his funeral.

### FOOTBALL

## Wildcats love their fans

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-Coach Bill Snyder and the K-State football coaches, players and support staff

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## Teacher's strike exposes flaws of education system



December Lange

Last Tuesday, the Chicago Teachers Union ended its seven-day school strike, which had closed the third largest school system in the nation. At the center of the controversy was Karen Lewis, president of the Chicago Teachers Union, and Rahm Emanuel, mayor of Chicago. Fortunately for the 350,000 students they serve, Lewis and Emanuel were able to put away their petty differences and come to a peaceful compromise for the sake of the children and school employees.

According to a Sept. 11 New York Times article by Steven Yaccino, Lewis has called Emanuel a "bully" and a "liar." To counter, Emanuel refused to attend negotiations and sent a proxy to take his place. However, Emanuel did report that a previous meeting between the two had

ended in a hug, which apparently is considered an acceptable resolution in Chicago politics at least until there is another bitter disagreement. After a long week-and-a-half of rejected compromises, the Teachers Union accepted the new contract and Chicago parents uttered a sigh of relief as they were able to send their little ones back to school.

On the surface level, the strike could be written off as a clashing of personalities too big to compromise. However, the ramifications of the settlement bring up important points that will affect other school districts across the country. It seems as though the strike was more about the teachers and much less about the students that they serve. Squabbles over teacher pay and increased school days

drove the debate, but the strike has now sparked a critical look at the way teachers are evaluated. While Emanuel wanted to place an emphasis on student test scores when considering teacher hiring, promotion and tenure opportunities, Lewis and many members of the Teachers Union feel that the emphasis on scores takes the personal element out of teaching and other measurements that should be considered.

Last year, I spent time at an elementary school in Bronx, NY, tutoring a second-grade student in reading. At this school, physical education courses consisted of the gym teacher sitting on top of a table and yelling at students through a megaphone to read

their books. If the students chose not to read, they were threatened with the prospect of having to do even more reading. Here, reading was a punishment and the physical component of student education was lacking.

I watched teachers scold their students for interrupting their personal conversations with other staff members to ask questions. I saw a teacher roll her eyes at a child for asking to use the restroom. I had a teacher get frustrated with me for asking to take my student for our tutoring session because, in her opinion, he was wasting time that could have been better spent in her classroom. In reality, that student increased his reading level by 1.7 grade levels through the tutoring program.

This year he was able to start third grade at nearly the same level as his peers.

In this example, where apathy ran rampant, standardized test scores would not make much of a difference in teacher evaluation. The test scores here would no doubt reflect the poor teacher performance, which is where the problem begins. In a low-income area like this one,

teachers have little incentives to even apply for a position, let alone care about doing a good job in their classrooms. The offered pay is lower than many metropolitan counterparts, especially the private schools. Resources and faculty support are lacking, and in neighborhoods like these, there is less parental involvement and support. So maybe the problem lies in the overall education system and not solely on the evaluation of individual teachers.

With the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, standardized test scores became a component of considerations for school funding. In this Bronx school, the low test scores could lead to a cut in funding. The cut in funding could lead to a decrease in teacher salary and other important resources.

The decrease in salary could lead to discontent of teachers or the unwillingness for new teachers, especially those with advanced training, to apply to the school. Teacher discontentment and lack of educational leadership could affect the education of the students, which ultimately results in low test scores. In this school the cycle could repeat continuously, which puts its students at a disadvantage. These young children have no control over what school they get to attend, as they are constricted by external factors such as district lines and parental income. At the end of the day, they are getting poor education and accepting it as the standard.

Although the strike was able to put education in the spotlight for a short time, it is by no means a solution to the long-standing problems in education. For the teachers and students in Chicago, the compromise might lead to better educational environments.

However, for many students, such as the third grader in New York, there will continue to be an ongoing struggle for the education that many in our country consider a fundamental right.

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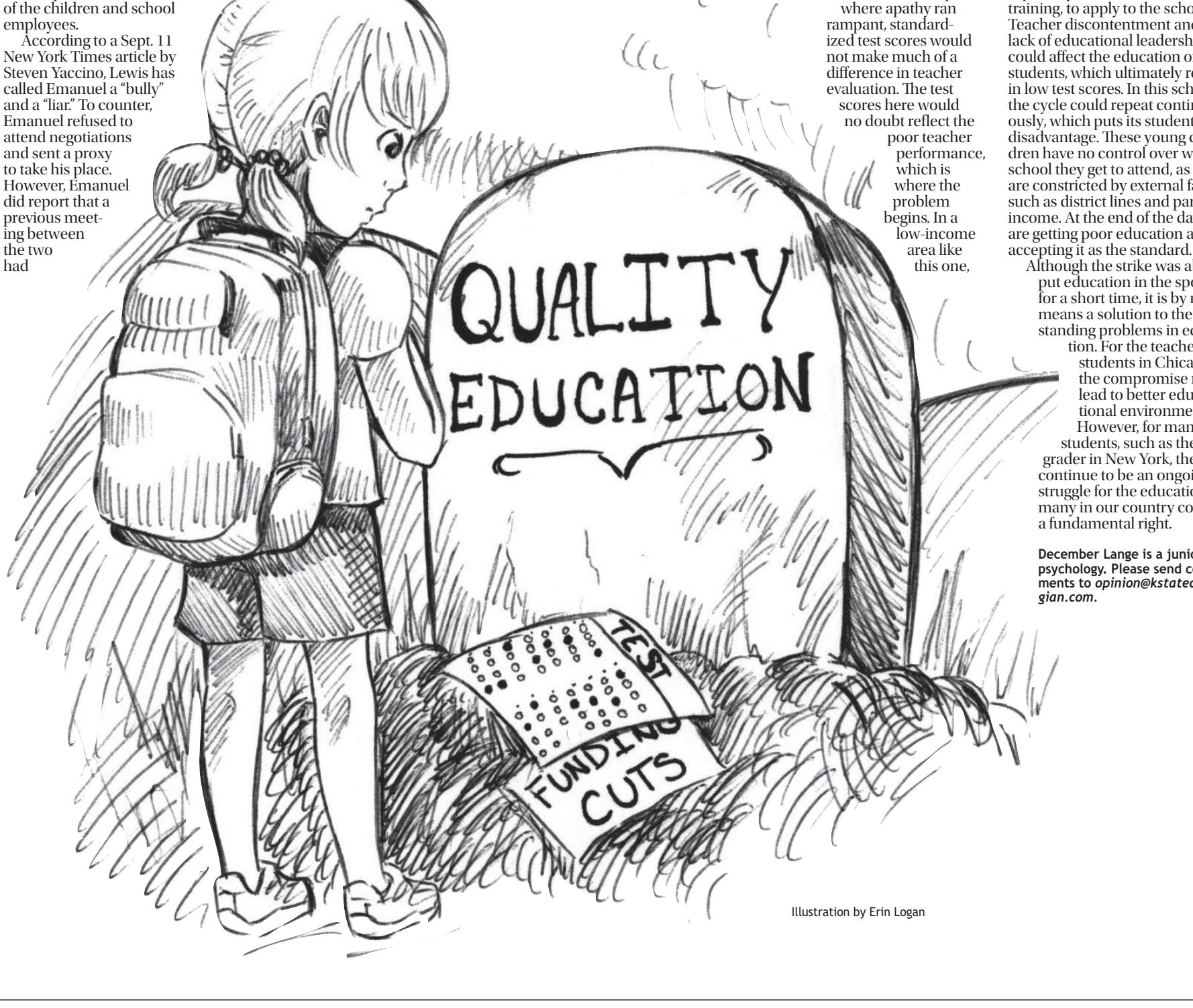
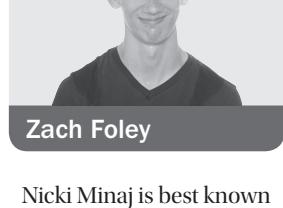


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## Nicki Minaj political messages in songs misleading



Zach Foley

thanking the president for understanding her humor and sarcasm. I wonder if she actually knows what sarcasm is, because it is most certainly not being employed during her rap.

But its hilarious to say you are a Republican, right? Wrong. There is nothing humorous or sarcastic about what was said.

She went on to offer Obama her "love and support." Now I don't know about the president, but I would not be too quick to accept the support of someone who had just called me a lazy b--- and promised her vote to my opponent. But that's just me.

But maybe Obama was right, maybe it was one of Minaj's alternate personalities talking. Martha strikes me as a bit of a Republican, or maybe it was Roman.

But if it was one of these personas speaking and not actually Minaj should we take these statements to be meaningless? If they were said by characters made up by a woman who seems to me to be mildly insane, then I would say they are in fact meaningless, but also some sort of a cry for help.

Minaj is having, in my opinion, a personality crisis where all of her personas are fighting with each other. Currently they are engaging in a political debate, a debate that neither side will win. I would just like to be in the voting booth with her come November because I think she would have the loveliest conversation with herself.

"Vote Obama," Nicki Minaj would say.

"No, vote Romney, you 'Stupid Hoe,'" her persona Roman would reply.

It would only escalate from there until Minaj left the booth

in a brawl with herself. This is of course assuming that she is a registered voter, which I kind of doubt.

Now all kidding aside, Minaj clearly has no idea as to what is going on in the world of politics and should not be saying a thing. For some reason people look up to her and she shouldn't lead them in the wrong direction. She can go back to talking about jumping in "hoop de hoops" and going to the beach and leave talking about Romney and Obama to the adults.

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Illustration by Yosuke Michishita

Nicki Minaj is best known for her crazy-colored hair, spitting fast-paced rhymes and having large assets. Something that Minaj is not usually associated with is politics, which is probably for the best. Minaj has given the world knowledge such as "Starships are meant to fly" and "He got that super bass" (what either of those things actually mean is anyone's guess). With Minaj making such little sense on a regular basis, it was no surprise when she decided to bring her general air of ridiculousness to the field of politics.

In the song "Mercy" on Lil Wayne's new mixtape "Dedication 4," Minaj is featured on a verse saying, "I'm a Republican voting for Mitt Romney. You lazy b---es is f---ing up the economy." She has such a way with words. I really doubt that anyone would take anything Minaj says with more than a grain of salt. Hopefully her fans, "Barbz" as they are called, do not read too much into what she has said and vote the same way.

I mostly hope this is the case because soon after the song was scrutinized by the public, a DJ in Florida asked President Obama what he thought of the debacle.

"[Minaj] likes to play different characters," Obama said. "I don't know what's going on there."

Everyone in America is with you there Mr. President. No one ever knows what's going on in Nicki Minaj's head. Probably some sort of dirty cotton candy factory.

Later Minaj responded by

# DRIVE | 800 donors needed to reach goal

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American Red Cross Club to K-State after discovering many universities already had the organization.

"It started by just going to blood drives," Theleman said. "About a year ago, I looked into it, and saw that other colleges have this group."

After noticing this, Theleman asked, "Most other colleges have one, so why not us?"

Theleman is optimistic about the future of the new organization.

"I think it's going to go very well. We have a huge number of people interested and willing to help," Theleman said. "It can only go up, and I think it will only continue to improve."

One important issue that the group hopes to focus on is education. Theleman said he's asked friends if they are going to donate, but most were unaware of the opportunity.

"A lot of times, it's not that students

aren't willing to donate blood or help out," Theleman said. "They just aren't informed."

Regardless of participation in ARCC, Theleman encouraged all students to donate blood if they are able.

"It helps so many people. One donation can save up to three lives," Theleman said. "It may make you a little tired, but it doesn't hurt you. It's a good deed, and doesn't take too much time. There is always a need for blood."

Kristi Ingalls, senior donor recruitment representative for the Manhattan Branch of the American Red Cross, said every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

"Here in Kansas and northern Oklahoma, we provide blood to a little over 100 hospitals," Ingalls said. "The great thing is though, the Red Cross is a national organization, so

if someone across the nation needs blood, we can get it to them."

The goal for the K-State blood drive is to collect approximately 800 pints of blood, Ingalls said.

"That has been our goal in the past, and we've consistently collected around that much," Ingalls said.

According to redcross.org, each donation collects approximately one pint. To reach the goal, approximately 800 donors are needed.

Even if someone has never given blood before, the K-State blood drive is a great opportunity to start, Ingalls said.

"The K-State drive is one of the best drives to do it at," Ingalls said. "Think about the person who is receiving the blood. You know that the pain that person will be feeling is a lot worse than the pain you go through giving blood."

When giving blood, it is important to be prepared and to properly recover.

er afterward, said Jenny Yuen, health educator for Lafene Health Center's Health Promotions and Nutrition Counseling.

It is important to drink extra water, avoid eating fatty foods prior to donating and wear a loose fitting shirt so the sleeve can easily be rolled up.

Yuen said. Afterward, Yuen recommended, donors should eat a snack, drink juice and avoid strenuous activities or exercises for several hours. Drinking water and lying down if feeling light-headed are also important safety precautions.

All donors at the K-State Red Cross Blood Drive will receive a free T-shirt and be put in a drawing for a chance to watch a K-State football team practice.

For information about ARCC or to join, students can visit [k-state.edu/redcross](http://k-state.edu/redcross) or email Theleman directly at [jthelmn@k-state.edu](mailto:jthelmn@k-state.edu).

# DORMS | 'Bad timing' for meals

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McKenzie Cordell, freshman in journalism and mass communications, explained that a lot of fellow students at K-State rarely need meal plans for nights like Friday and Saturday.

"The dining halls being closed on Sundays are bad timing," Cordell said. "If the halls were open, I wouldn't be spending so much money on the weekends. Chances are, every week I have multiple meals still left on my plan that go to waste."

Unlike Schmidt and Cordell, Alex Linville, junior in elementary education, finds that it's "nice to get a break" from the dining centers and Sundays are not a great inconvenience.

"It is a great opportunity to get together with friends from different halls or who live off campus," Linville said.

With new renovations for the dining centers in the works, however, the era of Sunday nights without dinner may be coming to an end.

"With renovations to the dining halls, we may have smaller dining areas to divide the employees into," Molt said. "That way we could save money and provide more intimate services."

Until then, students must seek alternatives for Sunday nights.

"There are many churches and organizations that offer either free dinners or very inexpensive ones," Molt said.

The Ecumenical Campus Ministry offers free dinners, along with the First Congregational Church, every Sunday night for K-State students and for citizens in the community. Some campus shops also try to feed students who do not have alternatives on Sunday nights.

"Most small shops here, around campus, have inexpensive frozen entrees for sale that the student can fix in their residence halls," Molt said. "We want to give an alternative for those students who cannot afford to go out to eat."

# BLOTTER | Arrests

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Bond was set at \$750.

**Monday, Sept. 24**

**Jeffrey Alan Hughes**, of the 700 block of Kearney Street, was booked for felony theft, identity theft and forgery. Bond was set at \$3,000.

**Jeffrey David Zimmerman**, of the 2600 block of Marlett Avenue, was booked for driving under the influence.

Compiled by Katie Goerl

# POWER | Streetlights out

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were not affected by the incident. Manhattan Town Center and Hy-Vee never lost power, nor did the Aggierville Business District. Street lights were out in some areas, such as on Juliette Avenue between Fort Riley Boulevard and Fremont Street, but most traffic lights were still functioning.

Adrienne Haney, graduate student in curriculum and instruction, was preparing to do homework when her home

on the 1500 block of Pierre Street lost power. She and her husband Jonathan, Manhattan resident, sat on the porch to enjoy the evening until power was restored just under an hour later. The blackout did not bother them, she said.

"I have candles and a flashlight and I knew where they were," she said. "It seemed really quiet. It was kind of nice."

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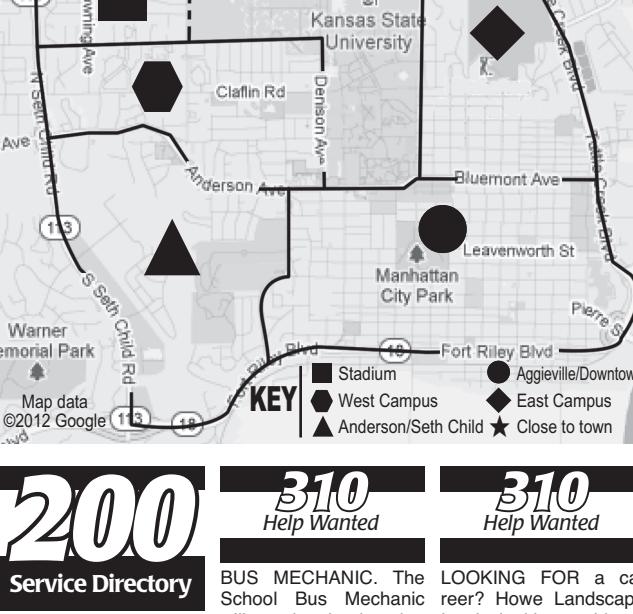
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## Mid-Autumn Festival gives students opportunity to explore Chinese traditions



Mengyi Wang

The Chinese Students and Scholars Union will host a garden party to introduce the Mid-Autumn Festival in the K-State Student Union from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 2. The event will feature games and traditional foods, such as moon cakes.

The Mid-Autumn Festival is a traditional festival in China on the 15th day of the eighth month of the lunar calendar, because that is the time when the moon is said to be at its brightest and fullest. This year the festival is Sept. 30 in China, but the CSSU was unable to

reserve space in the Union on that day, which is why it will be celebrated here on Oct. 2.

Mengyang Fang, vice chair for the events committee of CSSU, said anyone interested in the festival should attend the event.

"You guys can learn more about Mid-Autumn Festival by the games we will play in the garden party," Fang said. "And the moon cakes are so good. Come and try them."

The festival is a time for family members to get together and enjoy the full moon. The full moon is a symbol of harvest, completeness and luck. People will usually indulge in delicious moon cakes of many varieties with a good cup of hot tea, while the little ones run around with their brightly lit lanterns.

According to Chinese mythology, the Earth once had 10 suns circling it. One day, all 10 suns appeared together, scorching the Earth with their heat.

However, the Earth was saved by a strong archer, Hou Yi, who succeeded in shooting down nine of the suns. The Queen Mother of the West knew Hou Yi had helped the humans escape tribulation and gave him an elixir as a prize for his heroism. When someone takes this elixir, they would never get old or die, but would live forever in heaven. Chang E, Hou Yi's wife, knew this and didn't want her husband to be alone in heaven and knew the people of Earth needed Hou Yi's help to begin the new country. So she swallowed the elixir instead and therefore, could not stay on the Earth. She looked at Hou Yi with tears in her eyes and flew to the moon.

After Hou Yi learned why she had taken the elixir, he was very sad. Every night from then on, he looked at the moon for his wife. On the 15th day of the eighth month of the lunar calendar, Hou Yi found that the moon was at its

brightest and it was then that he felt closer to his wife, as if they were together. So every year on that day, he would put her favorite cake out and stay in the beautiful moon light to be with his beloved.

For generations, moon cakes have been traditional for the Mid-Autumn Festival. They are made with sweet fillings of nuts, mashed red beans, lotus seed paste or Chinese dates wrapped in a pastry. Sometimes a cooked egg yolk can be found in the middle of the rich cake.

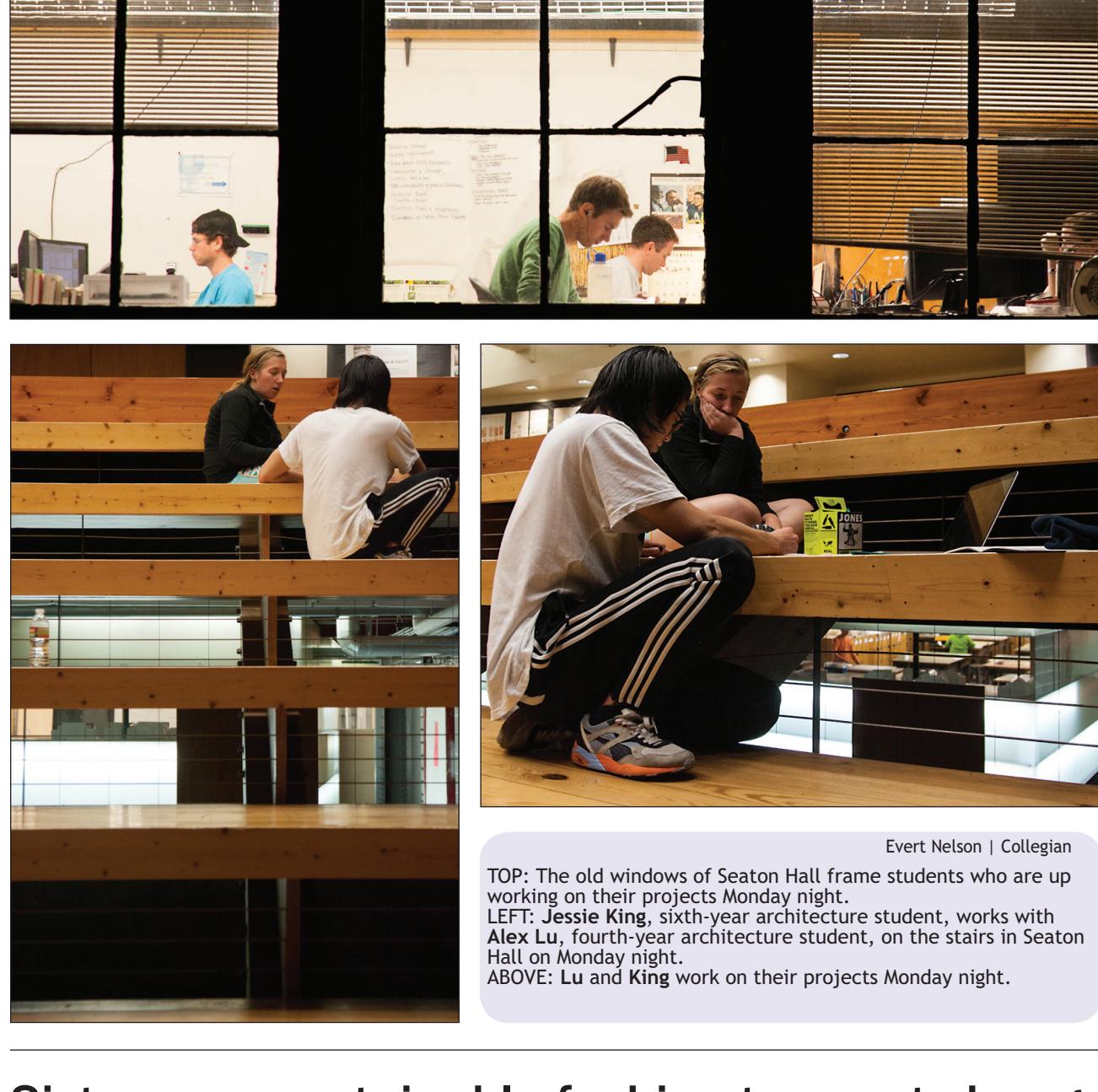
The Mid-Autumn Festival is a time to spend with family. In China we say, "The moon in your hometown is almost always the brightest and roundest." Many people who live far away from home want to travel back to have a family reunion during the festival. It is a happy and enjoyable time to eat moon cakes while watching the full moon with your family.

I have been studying abroad for four years and have had to celebrate the festival without my family. When I see the bright full moon, I always miss my family and hometown. My heart flies to my hometown and I always want to give my mother a really big hug. Of course, that's impossible. Instead, I celebrate this festival with my friends here. We eat moon cakes together and go out to look at the beautiful moon and think of our families. But, this year, we would like to share the festival with K-State students as well.

Everyone is welcome to come and have fun with Chinese students. Celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival is a good time for students to learn about China and how we celebrate this time of love and family.

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## Late nights as an architecture student



TOP: The old windows of Seaton Hall frame students who are up working on their projects Monday night.  
LEFT: Jessie King, sixth-year architecture student, works with Alex Lu, fourth-year architecture student, on the stairs in Seaton Hall on Monday night.  
ABOVE: Lu and King work on their projects Monday night.

## NFL | Wildcat pros include Powell, Lilja

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in NFL history to have a 0-yard interception return for a touchdown. It was also his first career pick.

**Ryan Lilja**, OG, #65, Kansas City Chiefs – Lilja is one of the few consistent figures in Kansas City's O-Line. He was originally signed as undrafted free agent for the Chiefs back in 2004. From 2004 to 2009, he protected Peyton Manning in Indianapolis. Then he joined the Chiefs in 2010 and has been there ever since.

**Tyson Hartman**, CB/FS/SS, #31, Kansas City Chiefs – Like Lilja, Hartman's career started as an undrafted free agent. He managed to make the team's final roster, so coach Romeo Crennel must have seen some potential there. Expect him to come in sparingly to give safeties Berry and Lewis a breather, or even on special teams.

**Zac Diles**, LB, #53, Tennessee Titans – Diles was originally picked in the seventh round by the Houston Texans in the 2007. Since then he has been with the St. Louis Rams, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Indianapolis Colts. He has now found a home with the Titans where he should see some decent playing time at the linebacker position.

**Jeromey Clary**, OT, #66, San Diego Chargers – Clary was drafted by the Chargers in the sixth round of the 2006 draft. He has been there ever since protecting QB Phillip Rivers.

**Reggie Walker**, LB, #56,

Arizona Cardinals – Walker was signed as an undrafted rookie free agent by Arizona in 2009 where he's been ever since playing as a backup LB. Reggie saw action in all 16 games last season as a backup.

**William Powell**, RB, #33, Arizona Cardinals – Powell inked a deal with the Cardinals as an undrafted rookie free agent last year, but was signed to the practice squad this season. He impressed coaches during the preseason (NFL pre-season leader in rushing yards with 249 yards and 3 TDs) so much that he made the team's final roster, where they have him listed as the 4th running back in the depth chart.

**Terence Newman**, CB, #23, Cincinnati Bengals – The former Jim Thorpe Award winner is trying to rejuvenate his career in Cincinnati after being released by the Dallas Cowboys. Newman played nine seasons for the Cowboys after being chosen fifth overall in the first round of the 2003 draft, and was a two-time pro bowler (2007 and 2009) during his injury-plagued tenure in Dallas. He has 32 career interceptions.

**Bryce Brown**, RB, #34, Philadelphia Eagles – As noted earlier, Brown was the only Wildcat taken in the 2012 draft. Although things didn't work out for him in Manhattan, he was allowed to work out for scouts on Kansas State's pro day. He is currently the backup running back to LeSean McCoy in Philly.

## Sisters use sustainable fashion to enact change

Hana Johnson  
staff writer

Using the platform of fashion through the marketing of handbags and accessories, Hearts.com has a vision to promote education and awareness about world issues and inspire change in consumers.

The company's vision encompasses using recycled and up-cycled materials to make their products as well as acquiring other materials from ethically sourced producers and fair trade-certified vendors.

"People don't often realize where their products come from, and that's what we want to change," said Michelle Gerster, president of Hearts.com.

Emily Carnes, sophomore in public health nutrition, said she thought the idea of using fashion as a platform for change was a great idea.

"Everyone makes choices about fashion in some way or

another," Carnes said. "It applies to every single person in some way, and therefore, it's a great platform to communicate awareness about social issues."

Hearts.com, based in Scottsdale, Ariz., is run by three sisters and began in January of this year. Almost nine months later, the company is getting ready to launch their new website which will include not only their product line of handbags and accessories made out of sustainable materials, but also an eco-friendly lifestyle database to educate consumers on how to make more sustainable choices.

"We hope to inspire consumers to think differently about all purchases, in every aspect of consumerism," Gerster said. "We want them to realize the true impact of their purchasing power, because this can create change on a global scale."

Education and awareness

about social issues and sustainability are two of the main goals permeating the decisions that were made by the three sisters. They believe that everything falls back on consumerism.

Sarah Haley, sophomore in psychology, said she agreed that consumers need to make knowledgeable decisions.

"Our generation has a lot of opportunity," Haley said. "We have a great chance to improve things and we have a great chance to fail. It's a great idea to provide educational resources to consumers."

The company also lists 22 values they strive to uphold and promote in the production and manufacturing of their products. Some of these values include fair trade certification, biodegradable materials and handmade products.

"Again, we want to have lots of education surrounding where our products come from," Gerster said. "As you

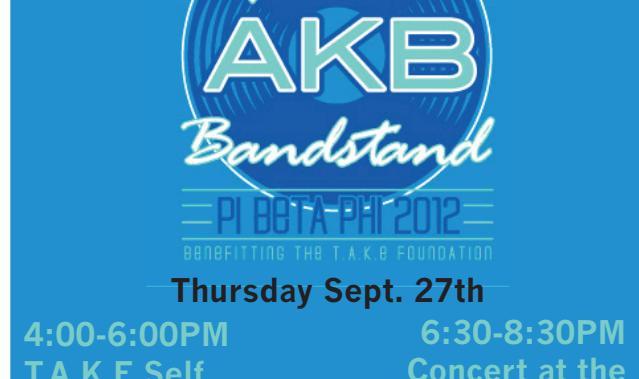
see a product online, you'll see which of the 22 values that specific product upholds."

Not only does the company have a desire to educate consumers, but they also want to reach out to indigenous groups who are helping to supply some of their resources.

"We want to teach them how the materials that they have access to can actually be quite desirable," Gerster said. "We want to help them make a living as well."

The overarching vision for Hearts.com is to act as an umbrella of awareness for world causes. The sisters want to create a community where people can go and feel great about where their purchases are coming from.

"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at will change," Gerster said. "Our generation is going to be the demand that generates change."



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